

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1-12 have been cancelled without prejudice to their further prosecution, and new claims 13-28 have been added to further claim the subject matter of applicant's disclosure. It is respectfully submitted that the new claims are supported by the application, that the claims satisfy the written description requirement and the other requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, and that no new matter is being added.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If there is any matter that the Examiner would like to discuss, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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